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E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRANDT TO ATTEND PSOE CONGRESS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS CONFIRMED BY SPANISH SOCIALIST (PSOE) SOURCES, WILLY BRANDT HAS ACCEPTED THE PSOE'S INVITATION TO ATTEND ITS OCTOBER CONGRESS IN MADRID, THE FIRST PSOE CONGRESS IN SPAIN SINCE THE CIVIL WAR AND ONE THAT IS LIKELY TO MARK A DECISIVE MOMENT IN SETTING FORTH THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE PSOE.

2. BRANDT IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE SOCIALIST LEADERS (E.G. GONZALEZ AND MUGICA) AND THE SPD IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PATRONS OF THE PSOE. THOUGH ITS ADVICE WAS APPARENTLY DISREGARDED IN FAVOR OF MITTERANDS WHEN THE PSOE DECIDED TO GO INTO THE LOOSE LEFT OPPOSITION COORDINATING MECHANISM CALLED THE PLATA JUNTA IN COMPANY WITH THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY. WHEN NEXT EMBASSY BONN HAS OCCASION TO TALK WITH BRANDT WE WOULD APPRECIATE ITIF BRANDT WERE ASKED HIS VIEWS ON THE SPANISH SOCIALIST SITUATION AND WHAT HE PROJECTS FOR THE OCTOBER CONGRESS.
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